

October 9, 2014



HAMMOND TIGER TALES

Hammond Elementary School provides a safe, nurturing learning environment that fosters individual success through academic excellence, and appreciation of diversity, to ensure lifelong learners.

Important Dates*

October 10	HES PTA Fall Festival 4-7pm
October 12	HCPSS Community 5k Fun Run
October 13-17	Earth Science Week
October 15	Kindergarten Field Trip – Sharps Farm (rain date 10/22)
	Howard County G/T Program Parent Academy/Hammond HS 7-8:30pm
October 16	Math Curriculum Presentation 7-8:30pm
	2nd grade field trip/Howard County Conservancy
OCTOBER 17	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/Professional Work Day
October 20-24	School Bus Safety Week
October 27	1-2-3 Magic Presentation 7-8:30pm
October 29	Pick-up for Joe Corbi's & Mrs. Field's 3:30-6pm
NOVEMBER 3	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/Professional Work Day
NOVEMBER 4	SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED/Election Day
November 6	Spirit Day – Sports Day/wear your favorite sport shirt
November 7	Flu Mist Clinic
November 24 – 25	SCHOOLS CLOSE 3HRS EARLY/Parent/Teacher Conferences
NOVEMBER 26	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/Parent Teacher Conferences
NOVEMBER 27 – 30	SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED/Thanksgiving Holiday

PAWS OF PRIDE

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the many volunteers who have already served at school and at home to assist us with working with students, creating learning materials, and completing clerical tasks! Our team is in the process of updating our Volunteer Orientation presentation that was posted on the school website. Some changes were required based on new procedural guidelines from the systemic level that were not shared until mid-September. Since this is a time of transition, volunteers will be permitted to assist in the building although they may have not have participated in the in-person training that was offered in September. Once the presentation is posted on our website, there will be a grace period to give all volunteers an opportunity to participate with an extended mandatory participation date. More information will be forthcoming. Thank you.

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**Howard County GT
Program Academy**

**Interested parents and
community members are
invited to attend...**

The Howard County Gifted
and Talented Education
Program Parent Academy on
Wednesday, October 15th
from 7-8:30pm at Hammond
High School.

The evening will begin with
an overview of G/T Program
offerings at the elementary,
middle, and high school
levels presented by G/T staff
and Howard County students.
Immediately following the
general session, parents and
community members will
have an opportunity to meet
by level for a question and
answer session.

Come learn about the
advanced-level offerings that
are available through the G/T
Education Program and how
your child can become
involved.

**FLU MIST CLINIC FOR
HES STUDENTS**

Don't get sidetracked by the
flu.

Flu season is about to begin
and it's almost time for our
FluMist Clinic!

Where: Hammond
Elementary

When: Friday November 7th

Who: Hammond Elementary
Students

Why: The CDC recommends
everyone 6 months of age
and older should get a flu
vaccine every year.

Lets keep Hammond Flu Free

this season.

Consent forms will be sent
home approximately two
weeks before. More info to
follow.



Food Drive

Our Food Drive for
LARS has begun! If you
have any food items you
would like to donate please
send them in to school with
your child. You can donate
any unopened item such as
cereal, pasta, peanut butter,
canned foods, etc. LARS
stands for Laurel Advocacy
and Referral Services and
help the needy right here in
Laurel. So send in those food
items with your child!

HES PTA Fall Festival

Will be held this Friday,
October 10th from 4-7pm,
rain or shine!!! Fall Festival
is a fun event with carnival-
type games and concessions!
Volunteers welcome!

HCPSS 5K RACE!

The Howard County Public
School System (HCPSS) is
excited to host Let's Go
HoCo, its inaugural 5K-race
and 1-mile fun run this
Sunday, October 12th in
Columbia. The race is a great
way to bring together
students, families, staff and
Howard County community
members to promote health
and wellness. The race will
include beginners,
intermediate and professional
level athletes. View event
information and register
today at www.hcpss5k.com.

SPORTS

Dragons Elite Fall Basketball
Grades 3-8. Skills Clinic on
Sun., Oct. 5, 12, and 26, 5-7pm
in GCS's US Gym. Our
coaches and student-athletes
will provide cutting edge
training for your child, which
will enhance his/her skill set.
We must limit this event to 50
athletes, and we will operate on
a first come/first served basis.
All proceeds go to Dragons
Basketball. Please contact
Coach Q at

kquinlan@gleneig.org or 703-
505-4707 for more information.

SATURDAY, Oct. 11th

10:00am to 1:00pm

Help keep Kings

Contrivance beautiful! The
Environmental Committee
needs volunteers to help
clean up along the main
roads, trails and open space
in our village.

Registration begins at
10:00am at Amherst House.
Safety vests, bags, and rubber
gloves will be provided.
Please bring water for
yourself and your group in
reusable containers. Wear
appropriate clothing, as we
will be picking up in wooded
areas. Community service
certificates will be available.
Participation for the entire 3
hours is not required.

Please visit the
Environmental Committee's
website at

[http://www.kingscontrivance
communityassociation.org/no
de/18](http://www.kingscontrivancecommunityassociation.org/node/18)

to get more information about
this clean-up or call Amherst
House at 410-381-9600.

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